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Interested Parties (see attached mailing list)

RENEWAL OF WAIVER OF WASTE DISCHARGE REQUIREMENTS FOR SEVEN SPECIFIED COMPOSTING OPERATIONS, TENTATIVE RESOLUTION NO. R4-2002-XXXX

Ladies and Gentlemen:

Enclosed is a copy of tentative Resolution No. R4-2002-XXXX for your review and comment. This resolution renews the waiver of waste discharge requirements for discharges from seven specified composting operations in Region 4. The Resolution is scheduled for consideration by the Regional Board at its December 12, 2002 meeting.

This letter is also to advise you that the waiver of waste discharge requirements is considered a project for the purposes of the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA). Because of nominal scope and number of the existing facilities as well as the stability of these operations, Board staff determined that the Negative Declaration should be readopted, which will also be considered at the December 12, 2002 meeting.

In accordance with administrative procedures, this Board, at a public hearing to be held on December 12, 2002, at 9:00 A.M., at the Metropolitan Water District of Southern California Board Room, located at 700 North Alameda Street, Los Angeles, will consider the enclosed tentative Resolution and comments submitted in writing regarding any and all portions thereof. The Board will hear any testimony pertinent to this tentative Resolution. It is expected that the Board will take action at the hearing; however, as testimony indicates, the Board, at its discretion, may order further investigation.

Written comments or testimony regarding this tentative Resolution must be received at the Regional Board's Office by the close of business on December 9, 2002 in order to be evaluated by Board staff and be provided to Board members for their consideration. Timely submittal of written comments is encouraged to ensure all comments are accurately and fully included in the administrative record, that Board staff is able to provide timely review, and that Regional Board members have sufficient time to give full consideration to the comments and issues raised. Comments received after the requested date may result in delay in consideration of the tentative Resolution.

If you have any questions or would like a copy of the Negative Declaration approved on April 3, 1996, please call Ms. Julie Clark at (213) 576-6692 or Mr. Raymond Jay at (213) 576-6689.

Sincerely,

Raymond Jay
Chief, NonPoint Source Unit

Enclosures: Tentative Resolution No. R4-2002-XXXX
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